



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT "A"

APPLICANT: Bryan et al. DOCKET NO.: P98,0775
SERIAL NO: 08/856,846 GROUP ART UNIT: 3738
FILED: May 15, 1997 EXAMINER: T. Nguyen
INVENTION: "HUMAN SPINAL DISC PROSTHESIS"

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 10, third full paragraph, line 2, after "annular gasket" please
change "24" to--22--.

Page 10, third full paragraph, line 3, after "damaged nucleus" please
change "22" to--24--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3,4 and 6:

3. (Amended) The vertebral disc endoprosthesis according to ^{claim 6}~~Claim 1~~
wherein said resilient [nucleus] nuclear body comprises a relatively resilient
central body, wherein the endoprosthesis further includes a gasket
surrounding a circumference of the central body, the resilient [nucleus] nuclear

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